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To Our Pride in the Past and Our Hope for the Future, let Us Add Vigorous Work in the Living Present.

MEXICO, AUDRAIN COUNTY, MISSOURI, THURSDAY, FEBRUARY 19, 1903.

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Hood's Sarsaparilla

Has won success far beyond the effect
of advertising only.

The secret of its wonderful popularity
is explained by its unsurpassable
purity.

Based upon a prescription which
could people considered incurable.

Hood's Sarsaparilla
is the best-known vegetable pur-
gative, by such a combination, prop-
erly and process as to have curative
power peculiar to itself.

Cures of scrofula, eczema, psori-
asis and every kind of humor, as well
as rheumatism—prove
Hood's Sarsaparilla

to be blood purifier ever produced.
It cures of dyspepsia, loss of appe-
tite and that tired feeling make it the
most stomach tonic and strength-
ener the world has ever known.

Hood's Sarsaparilla
is a thoroughly good medicine. Begin
to use it TODAY. Get HOOD'S.

The Missouri Legislature showed
its sense in killing the whipping
bill.

Every business man in Mexico
should afford to contribute liberally to
the cause.

Brasserie, published at
Mexico, Mo., has been purchased
by Messrs. Robertson and Patterson,
two young men who will make the
Brasserie, one of the best country
papers in the State.

The Mexico Legion joins the peo-
ple of Audrain county in extending
their congratulations to Colonel
J. of the Martinsburg Enterprise on
his marriage. He is one of Missouri's
most successful and promising
young newspaper men.

The Barber Forum editorially says:
"Don't run down your competitor's
business. Join hands with him in
trying to push things along. Busi-
ness men who want to see their town
prosper and prosper don't fight one-
another. They can't afford it."

Over a number of fool bills have
been introduced in the Missouri Leg-
islature, as usual, but we judge there
are some sensible representatives to
prevent this year than ever before,
as most of these bills have been promp-
tly and finally landed in the waste-
basket.

Persons own their light and water
plants, and the Sun of this city, now
says that "the plant is inadequate."
The dynamo and engine are too small
and need a new boiler. What steps will
be taken to make the necessary improve-
ment? More money will have to be
raised, of course.

LUCKY T. BUCKHART has sold
his interest in the Windsor Brewery,
and has repurchased one-half interest
in the Columbia Stodman. Mr.
Buckhart is a progressive newspaper
man, and his many friends in Colum-
bia will be glad to welcome him back
to his old home. The Stodman under
the management of Buckhart &
Brew will be kept to the front.

Year after the newspaper men of
Mexico grant all the favors asked of
them by people, when they have man-
aged to spend for printing go outside
of the county, even if they have to pay
more money. Not long since a gentle-
man asked the Editors for a half
page complimentary notice in re-
ference to a matter in which he was in-
terested. Inside of ten days he had
\$100 to spend with a printer. The
money went somewhere else. Such is
life.

The Warren County Herald edi-
torially says: "R. M. White, of the
Mexico, Mo., has been re-appointed
a member of the Board of Man-
agers of the Insane Asylum at Fulton.
He succeeds himself. Mr. White's
many friends are of course glad to
know he has been given this honorary
recognition by the Governor, but it
is a drop in a bucket what his party
ought to do. As the most popular news-
paper man in the State he could get
along with any office he would ask for."

We regret to learn that several Mex-
ico people lost considerable money by
the breaking of the Acadia Inland
Steamship Co. of St. Louis. People
should keep away from these "get
rich quick" concerns. You cannot
lose anything for nothing, and the
money you give up that idea the
seller of it will be financially, and
every other way. The Lord intended
for us to make our living by the
sweat of our brow, and when you try
to get rich quick by any other route
you are liable to have a wreck.

The Liberty (Mo.) Democrat edi-
torially says: "Hon. Charles E. Stokes,
of Mexico, Mo., State Chairman of the
Democratic party and editor of the
Mexico, Mo., delivered the first of a
series of temperance lectures on Mon-
day night at the Presbyterian church.
His presentation of the evils of the
liquor traffic was one of the most able,
clear and pointed ever heard in this
town. The house was crowded and
many were turned away not able to
get inside the door. The lecture will
undoubtedly do much good."

The growth of Socialism in parts of
this county is really alarming. At the
same time we believe that the Social-
ist party will grow to a certain size,
and then go to pieces. Along this
line the Shelbina (Mo.) Democrat edi-
torially says: "Congressman Fow-
ler, of Massachusetts, is arguing about
a recent bill that was a grow-
ing Socialistic sentiment in this
country as evidence by the increased
votes of the party in Massachusetts."

Nelson Matthews of Laddonia,
and Miss Alice Little, of Clover Bend,
Ark., were married at the bride's
home Sunday afternoon at 3 o'clock.
They took the train Monday night for
the groom's home, near Laddonia.

S. Potts has our thanks for
notice.

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The agonizing itching and burning of
the skin, as in eczema; the frightful
scaling, as in psoriasis; the loss of hair
and crusting of the scalp, as in scalded
head; the facial disfigurement, as in
pimples and ringworms; the awful suf-
fering of infants and the anxiety of
worn-out parents, as in milk crust, tel-
ter and salt rheum, all demand a rem-
edy of almost superhuman virtues to
successfully cope with them. That
Cuticura Soap, Ointment and Pills are
such stands proved beyond all doubt.

No statement is made regarding them
except when we tell the citizens of
Mexico that they were being badly
gouged by the City Council. Of
course, there is no name signed to the
ordinances, and we presume there will
be no father to claim the child. We
all know that the city of Mexico is in
debt about \$70,000 for the electric
light plant, the water works, the
sewer, emergency bonds, overdrains
and other incidents. We also know
that these bonds have to be paid. The
Times-Democrat last spring that
the way to pay them was for the peo-
ple to go down in their pocket and dig
up the cash. Many will object to this
method, but remember, dear tax-
payer, you have been voting for ten
years to keep these fellows in office
and the old proverbial saying, "that
those who dance must pay the tune,"
is now fully demonstrated. The only
business way you can meet these obli-
gations is to pay for your "music" to
be cough up the cash. But we are un-
able to discover by what method the
Macon Republican makes out that these
institutions are worth twice what
they cost the taxpayer, when it be-
comes absolutely necessary to run a
levy of nearly 50 cents on the hundred
dollars valuation to pay the interest
on these bonds. If the
Macon Republican is a corporation
and at the end of a year would call
its stockholders together and would lay
before them the proposition of issuing
emergency bonds to pay the running
expenses, but in his smooth manner
would explain to his stockholders that
the Republic was worth twice as
much as they gave for it, we all know
what would become of that editor
instantly.

We have always figured that any-
thing was worth about what it would
cost. There has been an effort on the
part of the gang who have misman-
aged the electric light and water
plants for ten years to hoodwink the
people and make them believe they
had a bonanza, that these institutions
were a financial success, and the peo-
ple ought to be proud of them. Now,
if this was true, why is it that the
tax-payers are asked to go down in
their pockets and pay 20 cents on the
hundred dollars valuation on one part
of the debt and 12 cents on the hun-
dred on another part of the debt in
order to wipe the whole thing out?
If the electric light and water works
have been a profitable institution and
are worth twice as much as they cost,
as the Macon Republican says they are,
why does it become necessary for the
tax-payers to go down in their pockets
and pay an increased tax of nearly 50
cents on the hundred to pay off these
bonds?